

Final September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:32pm
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Kathleen Crowley, John-Paul Hayworth, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Rickey Williams Jr., Timothy Jones, Zach Teutsch and Elisa Irwin present.
3. Approval of Agenda: Amendments to the agenda: Commissioner Teutsch added a Letter of Support for a BZA variance for 1357 Taylor Street NW as item #8 under New Business.
4. Reading and Approval of the August 2015 Minutes: Commissioner Irwin had one amendment to item #1 under the Zoning section, Letter of Support for BZA Case #18891, was not a special exception; it is a matter of right conversion. Commissioner Irwin made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report Commissioner Crowley reported on the period of 8/1/15 through 8/30/15: disbursements totaled \$1,503.86 leaving a balance of \$12,754.34 in the checking account and a standing balance of \$16,741 in the savings account.
6. Agency Announcements:
Councilmember Brandon Todd's Office: new Deputy Chief of Staff Dolly Turner announced plans for a Senior Eldercare Law Clinic in conjunction with the University of the District of Columbia. Contact information: email: dturner@dccouncil.us and phone: 202/724-8052.

Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office reported on the Mayor's current plans: Safer Stronger DC: including Gun Buy Back, synthetic marijuana, the Mayor's pledge to end homelessness, the Kids Ride Free Metro Rail and Bus Program and the Mayor's first telephone Town Hall meeting with DC voters.

Presentations:

1. WMATA 14th Street Bus Changes: WMATA representatives: Ann Chisholm, Metro Government Relations Office, Christine Marsh, Douglas Stalwart, Fred Sims, and Spring Worth presented WMATA's proposal to shorten Route 54 and improve Route 54 bus frequency. Route 54 runs along 14th Street between Takoma Station and L'Enfant Plaza. Under the new plan Route 54 terminates at McPherson Square instead of L'Enfant Plaza. Currently every third bus is a 54; under the new proposal every other bus would be a 54. The Public can comment on-line via the survey on wmata.com/betterbus.
2. DC WASA Clean Rivers/Potomac Watershed Update Green Infrastructure Program implementing the EPA mandates to prevent run-off into Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. Chuck Chardon reported on the Green Rivers Project combined sewer systems.
3. U.S. Shadow Representative Franklin Garcia presented his Statehood Achievement Plan for achieving Statehood. He is 1 of 3 elected officials, who meets with Congressional representatives, urging them to be co-sponsors of the HR 317 121.

ABRA Matters:

Settlement Agreement for Thai-themed restaurant, formerly the China-American Inn located at 845 Upshur Street, NW and a Letter of Support for the restaurant's Great Streets Grant Application for \$50,000 to improve the building's facade. The Settlement agreement specifically limits the restaurant's use of seating to no more than 50 inside and 15 seats outside on the patio; noise stipulation not to disturb the neighbors; also included are provisions that govern the removal of trash three times a week. Commissioner Hayward made the motion to approve the settlement agreement. The settlement agreement passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for the Great Streets grant application. Commissioner Hayward made the motion to approve the support letter for the Great Streets grant application. The motion passed unanimously.

Grants:

Grant Application for the 1400 Block Shepherd Street Block Club's Halloween-themed event. Commissioner Williams made the motion to support the grant for \$500. The vote: 9 yeas and 1 abstention. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

New Business:

1. Public Space Proposal ANC Notification and Great Weight Tabled from August 2015 meeting. This proposal requires DDOT to notify the ANC whenever streets are being closed and public space, i.e., sidewalks are being occupied. Commissioner Uqdah made the first motion to accept the Proposal requiring DDOT to provide 30-days notification to the ANC of public space permits that block off a street or otherwise occupy the public space. The motion passed with 2 nays.

Commissioner Uqdah made the second Public Space motion to authorize the Commission's secretary to represent the interest of the ANC and forward the DDOT Proposal, providing 30 days notification of public space permits that block-off a street or otherwise occupies the public space for response and adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Motion Authorization Amendments to 4C By-Laws: Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to amend the By-Laws of ANC 4C, by adding a new sub-Section (4) under Section 5.07 Notice of Meetings and by expanding sub-Section (4) and adding a new sub-Section (7) of Section 4.03 Secretary, to read as provided in the document entitled Proposed Amendments to ANC 4C By-laws. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Speed Bumps 500/600 Block of Randolph Street NW: Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve a Letter of Support for the traffic calming study of the 500 block of Randolph Street NW. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Authority to present Letter of Support for BZA Case# 18991. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to authorize Commissioner Irwin to present the Commission's Letter of Support in verbal testimony before the BZA in Case #18991, requiring the Commission's secretary to execute a letter to the BZA to that affect. The motion passed with 1 abstention.
5. Verizon Repair Expenditure. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion for a One-time labor charge not to exceed \$240.00 for inside wire repair damaged by a cleaning service. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Handicap Parking Approval for 1213 Kennedy Street NW. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to support the approval of a designated handicap parking space for Mr. Johnny Coulter, 1213 Kennedy Street NW in his application to DDOT for Installation of Reserved Residential Parking Space for a Disabled Resident. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Reimburse Commissioner Williams \$234. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to authorize repayment of \$234 in personal expenses to Commissioner Williams, incurred in support of SMD block party. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Letter of Support for 1357 Taylor Street NW BZA application for a deck variance. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to support the variance for 1357 Taylor Street NW. Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays and 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

Commissioner Williams announced his resignation from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4C.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.